

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & RECREATION**

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

*Meeting Announcement*

**Wednesday, January 20, 2009**

***DCR and DEQ Announce Public Meeting on Watershed Cleanup Plan***

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2009 in Eastville, VA on the development of a cleanup plan for Cherrystone Inlet and Kings Creek in Northampton County, VA. In the event of inclement weather on the designated meeting date, the meeting will be moved to January 27, 2009. The decision to postpone the meeting will be determined by the Northampton County School schedule. If Northampton County Schools are closed or close early on January 20, 2009, the meeting will be postponed to the alternate date.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the former circuit courtroom at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA, 23310. The meeting will cover the process for developing the plan and how citizens can be involved in clean-up plan development and implementation.

DEQ has developed a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for polluted streams in the Cherrystone Inlet and Kings Creek watersheds. These streams have been

found to contain excessive levels of bacteria which decrease the quality of the water, restricting or prohibiting the harvest of shellfish. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from January 20, 2009 to Feb 22, 2009. For more information, contact Todd Herbert, Watershed Field Coordinator with DCR – Suffolk Field Office by phone at (757) 925-2319 and by e-mail at [todd.herbert@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:todd.herbert@dcr.virginia.gov). Additional information is also available on the DEQ web site at [www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl).